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Choice Primroses and Pansies

Limited Selection of Perennials and Rock Plants

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PRIMROSES (Primula)

RIMROSES are among the most popular and best known spring perennials. Massed under flowering trees and shrubs, they present a gorgeous picture during March, April and May, and in mild climates, they can be had in bloom about ten months of the year. When once the gardener realizes how much he gets each returning spring, with comparatively little effort on his part, the tendency is to collect more and more primroses. Especially is this true now, for each year hybridizers are giving us newer types, larger blooms and a wider color range.

Primroses thrive in a deeply dug, well enriched soil and, if given plenty of water, their blossoming period is prolonged. They should be planted where they will be shaded from the hot noonday sun. Deciduous trees and shrubs give excellent protection. Primroses will withstand heavy frosts, but in sub-freezing weather, they should be protected with a mulch of leaves, peat, straw or evergreen boughs.

Acaulis and Polyantha Primroses are best known and most popular. However, once the Juliae, Sieboldi and the other Oriental types have been "discovered" by a gardener, they too become just as important. Primroses make charming nosegays and exquisite small flower arrangements.



Primula Acaulis

P. ACAULIS, (stemless), the low growing type, early, suitable for naturalizing, border, or rockery.

True English Primrose, soft shade of yellow, fragrant, free flowering. Each 20c; 3 for 50c; dozen \$2.00.

Giant English Primrose, extra large yellow blossoms. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25; per dozen \$2.50.

Sapphire Blue, fine dark blue. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

Medium Blue, almost a deep forget-me-not blue with yellow eye, imported stock. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

Mixed Colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, red. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Flore Pleno, double lavender, exquisite, blooms resemble dainty miniature roses. Each 35c. Double white, each 50c.

Marie Crousse, double light burgundy wine color, each petal bordered with hairline of white. One of the hardiest double Primroses. Each \$1.00.



Primula Polyanthus

P. VERIS, POLYANTHUS (many flowered), beautiful large flower clusters on tall stems.

Mixed Colors, in a fine English strain, white, cream, yellow, copper, red, maroon, bronze, rose, purple. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

New Giant Strain, tall, heavy textured, apricot, yellow, flame, blue. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25; per doz. \$2.50.

Orange Glory, deep orange, very fragrant, outstanding, limited stock. Each \$1.00.

Kleynii, rich golden yellow, shaded apricot toward center, extra heavy stemmed. **Each 35c.**

Giant Ruffled Yellow, tall, beautiful foliage, a superb plant, limited stock. Each \$1.00.

Ivory, very large blossoms, delicately textured, beautiful lush, crumply foliage. **Each 50c.**

Coral, unusual color, grayish green foliage. Each 50c.

Blue, tall, extra fine shades, from imported stock. Each 50c; 3 for \$1.25.



Gold Laced, bronze, maroon flowers with gold edge. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Cowichan, deep "American Beauty" red blossoms, most unusual, an importation. Each \$1.00.

Pastel Pink, giant strain. Each 50c.

Lord Beaconsfield, cream colored, tall stemmed, beautiful foliage, early, an old friend, especially adapted to mass planting or naturalizing. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.



Primrose Marie Crousse See Acaulis on front page.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY MAIL ORDER OFFER FIVE SELECTED POLYANTHUS

Each a Different Color.....\$1.00

Polyanthus Seed, Mixed Colors, gathered from choice imported stock of the following shades: White, cream, yellow, orange, apricot, copper, pink, rose, red, maroon, bronze, violet. Half packet 50c; packet \$1.00.



P. JULIAE HYBRIDS. The original of this charming strain came from the Caucasus Mountains about 40 years ago. Very hardy, multiply rapidly, most floriferous, thrive in moist loam, some shade. Fine for the rock garden.

Dorothy, most unusual for this type; dainty, clear yellow blossoms. **Each \$1.00.**

Helenae, burgundy red, blossoms freely, very fine. Each 50c.

Jewell, small, bright magenta flowers, early. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

Juliae, dwarf, glossy foliage, claret flowers. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

Primrose Lodge, polyanthus type, deep crimson. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

Rae, robust, large, fine. Each 50c.

Wanda, large bluish purple flowers, early. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00

Pink Seedling, dainty, beautiful. Each 50c.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

	ALL	SIX F	OR	 	 	\$2.00
4	Juliae	at 35c	each.	 	 1.40	
2	Juliae	at 50c	each.	 	 \$1.00	



Primula Auricula

PRIMULA, various species

Auricula, alpine type, suitable for rockeries. Prefer a well drained soil, lime, some shade. Bloom from April till June. From rosettes of thick, smooth, greygreen leaves, spring large flowers of yellow, light brown, blue, henna, etc. These make unusual small flower arrangements. Imported stock. Many named varieties. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.

- **P. Bulleyana**, candelabra type, moisture and shade loving, deep orange yellow blossoms, growing in whorls on tall stems. Flowers in May. Foliage dies during winter. **Each 35c.**
- P. Denticulata-Cashmeriana Hybrids, beautiful lavender and heliotrope blue florets set closely on stout stems, grey-green crinkled foliage. Very early. Mossy grey rocks make an excellent background for these Primula. Foliage dies down in winter. Each 35c; 3 for \$1.00.
- **P. Florindae,** a vigorous, moisture loving, Oriental Primrose, carrying enormous trusses of fragrant yellow blossoms on 3-foot stalks. Blooms during summer. Dies down in winter. **Each 50c.**
- **P. Japonica,** oriental, candelabra, bog type, has flat yellow-green foliage which disappears in winter. Available in rose-red. **Each 25c; 5 for \$1.00.**
- **P. Sieboldi,** handsome, delicate but hardy Japanese strain. Lovely, soft, crumply foliage; flower stems 10 to 15 inches, blossoms during summer. Thrives in moist, cool, rich soil. Foliage dies in winter. Available in lavender, pink, and white. **Each 50c.**

PANSIES

Pansies are hardy biennials and are indispensable spring garden material. Planted in the fall or spring, in fine rich loam, they will produce a profusion of color well into the summer, if the seed pods are kept picked. Pick the entire branch, instead of just the flower. This will keep the plant from becoming straggly and worn out, besides giving more graceful material for flower arrangements. They afford an unusual opportunity for working out exquisite color combinations when used as a ground cover for spring bulbs or under flowering trees and shrubs. Try them instead of Forget-me-nots. The Pansies offered here, are the largest flowered and finest varieties obtainable. Only the best and most expensive foreign and domestic seed is used. The blossoms are usually from 3 inches to 5 inches in diameter, and of good texture; many ruffled, in superb colors and shades. The plants are of good size, sturdy, with a fine root system. They are established plants from the field not seedlings taken from the seed bed. In mixed colors, the following are offered at \$1.00 per dozen.

At the garden, 75c per dozen.

Steele's Jumbo, especially large flowered.

Steele's Swiss 400, fine color range.

Oregon Giants, very large ruffled blooms on stiff stems.

Art Shades, pinky, mauve shades and creams predominate this mixture. Use with white, yellow, or pink.

Super Swiss, extra fine color combinations.

In separate colors, for mass planting, the following are available at \$1.00 per dozen; 75c at garden.

Mont Blanc, largest pure white, fine with magenta or red Azaleas, with pink or red tulips, etc.

Ullswater, deep blue with black blotches, a stunning contrast with yellow flowered bulbs or shrubs.

Coronation Gold, largest pure gold, lovely with blue hyacinths or bronze tulips.

Blue Boy, silvery lilac, trifle smaller than Delft Blue, but a charming shade and very floriferous. Unusual with apricot, orange, yellow Azaleas, or with pink or yellow flowered bulbs.

Fire Beacon, wallflower red tones, brilliant, use with wallflowers or with yellow flowered bulbs or shrubs.

Golden Gate, a Steele Pansy, large yellow with black center. Fine with any bulb.



Celestial Queen, especially early, soft blue, excellent ground cover for white, pink or yellow flowered bulbs.

Alpenglow, fine red Swiss pansy, companion to Ullswater and Mont Blanc.

PANSY SEED

A fine strain of large flowered Swiss Pansies in a wide range of colors, **per packet 50c.** Available after July 15th.

VIOLAS

Viola, hardy perennial, require practically same treatment as pansies, plenty of water during summer, cut back in early fall to start new growth for following spring.

Jersey Gem, violet flowers, slightly perfumed, a most reliable viola. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Grandiflora Mixture of Named English Varieties, all colors. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Giant White, largest white Viola, an import. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Giant Yellow, largest of the yellows; English stock. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

New Apricot, extra large, imported, limited stock. Each 50c.

PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS

Anemone (Wind Flower), His Excellency, single, fiery red, April to June. Each 25c; 5 for \$1.00.

Anemone (St. Brigid), from Irish grown seed, brilliant colors, stiff stems, lasting flowers. Each 25c; 5 for \$1.

Anemone Japonica, fine hardy border perennial, blooming from late summer till fall. Thrives in shade. Excellent as cut flower.

White, large, single, waxy. Each 25c; 5 for \$1.00. Pink, semi-double. Each 25c; 5 for \$1.00

Aster frikarti ("Wonder of Stafa"), large lavender blue flower. Branching habit. Blossoms from early summer till late fall. 30 in. tall. Fine cut flower. Each 50c.

Campanula (Peach Bells), hardy perennial.

Double White, lasting cut flower and border plant; extra fine large plants. Each 35c.

Double Blue, beautiful large flowered. Each 25c.

Chrysanthemums.

Korean, new hardy hybrids, in lovely pastel shades; unsurpassed for arrangement as cut flowers. **5 for \$1.00.**

Columbine (Aquilegia), hardy perennial.

Long Spurred, hybrid, English strain, unusually bright colors predominating, large plants. Ea. 25c.

Rocky Mountain Blue, long spurred, white corolla, from re-selected seed, extra fine large plants. 3 for \$1.00.

Copper Red, buff corolla, handsome. 3 for \$1.00. Longissima Hybrids, new, young plants. 3 for \$1.00.

English Daisy (Bellis Perennis), hardy perennial.

The large double English Daisies are among the easiest and most valuable early spring plants.

They have a long blooming period from very early spring till summer.

Giant Double White.

Rose, large, 8 in. stems, fine cut flower.

Red, bright color, new

Silver Lilac, smaller than the above, but a dainty orchid pink, new.

March Sun, pale yellow, new.

All Daisies, two for 25c; per dozen \$1.50.

Delphinium, hardy perennial. Extremely valuable valuable border plant in early summer. Beautiful as cut flower.

Pacific Strain, extra large florets, wiry stems, disease resistant, large plants, mixed colors. Ea. 50c.

Pacific Strain, New Hand Pollinated, crosses of the finest and newest specimens. Seedling plants. Each 50c.

Snowflake, pure white, year-old plants. Each 75c.

Forgetmenot (Mysotis), hardy biennial.

Alpestris Blue Basket, deep blue, floriferous, very effective with bulbs. Extra fine large plants. Each 10c; per dozen \$1.00.

Rosea, pink, dwarf, globular plant. Quaint and irresistible. Each 10c; per dozen \$1.00.

Nierembergia Caerulea (Dwarf Cup Flower). Perennial. Foliage resembles heather. Covered with cuplike flowers of lavender with yellow eye. Suitable for border or rockery. Each 25c.

Pentstemon (Beard Tongue), hardy perennial. Large spikes of gloxinia-like flowers, about two inches in diameter, of brilliant and varied colors. Showy for border or cut flowers. **4 for \$1.00.**

Phlox, this hardy perennial border type should be in every garden. Fills a void in July and August with its vivid colors and long blooming period. A well enriched soil and plenty of water during hot weather will ensure plenty of flower spikes. Since roots grow rather close to surface, mulch in winter, and again in summer. In shade of white, light pink, rose, salmon, vermillion, scarlet-red, scarlet-carmine, mauve-lavender. Named varieties including, Border Queen, Daily Sketch, E. I. Farrington, Elizabeth Campbell, Erntefeuer, Leo Schlageter, Lillian, Miss Lingard, Mrs. Ethel Prichard, Mrs. W. G. Harding, Snowcap, Special French, Katherine.

Special Collection, each a different color, 4 for \$1.00

Poppy, Gartref Strain of Iceland Poppy, beautiful soft shades of pink and apricot, with deeper colored edges. Hardy, blooms from early spring to late fall. 4 for 50c.

Pyrethrum (Painted Lady), hardy perennial, resembles a large Marguerite.

Pink shades, each 20c; 6 for \$1.00.

Crimson shades, extra large plants, each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Scabiosa Caucasia, hardy perennial, soft shades of lavender, excellent cut flower, blossoms all summer. **Each 25c.**

Shasta Daisy (Chrysanthemum Maximum).

Chiffon, large semi-double flowers, petals ruffled, very attractive, blooms from early spring till frost. **Each 25c.**

Sweet William (Dianthus Barbatus), hardy biennial. Makes a brilliant display with Delphiniums. A most satisfactory cut flower.

Double Salmon-Rose, unusual.

Giant White, extra fine.

Single Salmon-Pink, popular.

Single Bright Red, very good shade.

Each 20c; 6 for \$1.00



PLANTS FOR THE ROCK GARDEN

Alyssum Saxatile (Basket of Gold). An indispensable rock plant. Blooms early and late. Foliage silvery gray, flowers bright yellow. Each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Citrinum, lovely pale lemon-yellow plant, earliest to bloom in rockery or on wall. Ea. 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Arabis (Rock Cress).

Double White, grey-green foliage, covered with masses of double white blossoms. Stems long enough for cutting. Ea. 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Armeria (Thrift). Small tufts of dark green spiny leaves, studded with pink flowers. Each 15c; 2 for 25c.

Aubretia (Cress). Shades of mauve, blue, pink or rose, for rockery or rock wall. Producing a riot of color in very early spring. Large plants, each 25c; 6 for \$1.25.

Campanula (Harebell).

Carpatica, dwarf, large open blue bells, blooms from June to August. Each 25c.

Columbine—

Siberian (Jucunda), dwarf, brilliant blue, white corolla, spurless. Each 25c.

Dianthus (Pinks), dwarf, compact, single or double pink flowers. Each 15c.

Nepeta (Catnip).

Mussini, lavender flowers, silvery gray foliage; for hot, dry location. Each 25c.

Phlox (Moss Phlox).

Brilliant Pink, large flowers, extra fine. Each 20c.

Veronica, deep blue, trailing habit, fine for crevices in rock walls. Each 20c.

Veronica Prostata, taller and larger than the above, deep blue. Each 25c.

Hardy Cyclamen. Enjoys a moist, partially shady location, good drainage, leaf mold, some lime. Fine under deciduous trees Two year old corm. 50c.

Iris Cristata, large flowers of soft blue and gold. Creeping habit, suitable for rockery. Each 25c.

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Twelve plants of any variety are offered for ten times the price of the individual plant.

All plants are field grown, hardy, with good root systems. But since there are many causes for failure over which we have no control, we assume no responsibility after the order has been receipted for by the forwarding company.

When plants are received, pick off any wilted leaves or flowers and place roots in water in a cool shady place, for several hours before planting. Spread out the roots in planting and firm the earth around the roots with a thorough watering.

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